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1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE EXCHANGE ON CUBA AT PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE AUGUST 28:

2. Q: MR. PRESIDENT, DO YOU CONTEMPLATE ANY CHANGES IN OUR POLICY WITH CUBA?

3. A: THE POLICY THAT WE HAVE TOWARD CUBA TODAY IS DETERMINED BY THE SANCTIONS VOTED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AND WE ABIDE BY THOSE ACTIONS THAT WERE TAKEN BY THE MEMBERS OF THAT ORGANIZATION.

NOW IF CUBA CHANGES ITS POLICY TOWARD US AND TOWARD ITS LATIN NEIGHBORS, WE, OF COURSE, WOULD EXERCISE THE OPTION DEPENDING ON WHAT THE CHANGES WERE TO CHANGE OUR POLICY. BUT BEFORE WE MADE ANY CHANGE, WE WOULD CERTAINLY ACT IN CONCERT WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES. KISSINGER

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